

## Welcome to Schooley Mill Park

Schooley Mill Park offers many opportunities for discovering wildlife and enjoying recreational activities. You are invited to explore the natural horse trails, play a sport, observe wildlife in the woodlands, wetlands and meadows, watch the birds and butterflies, enjoy a picnic or practice your equestrian skills.

### **Park Amenities**

- 2 Basketball Courts
- 3 Ball Fields
- 3 Equestrian Rings
- 4 Horseshoe Pits
- 4 Tennis Courts
- Activity Room
- Benches
- Bluebird Boxes

- Drinking Fountains
- Hiking Trails
- Historic 1840 Marlow House
- Natural Areas
- Parking
- Picnic Tables and Grills
- Restrooms
- Volleyball Court

### James Marlow House

The James Marlow House, circa 1840, was originally built as a two-story structure with one room on each floor. The exterior walls were log and chink construction. The house is significant as a prototype of rural, agrarian vernacular architecture from the Howard County region of Maryland. The County has restored the house to its post Civil War era configuration except for interior enrichments of 1924, which have been retained.

### **Equestrian Rings**

Three equestrian rings are available on a first-come, first-served basis unless reserved. To reserve a ring, call 410-313-4626, M-F, 8 AM - 7:30 PM.

# **Indoor Facility**

Your group may rent a meeting room when departmental activities are not scheduled. A multipurpose room and conference room are also available. There is a two-hour minimum; curfew is midnight. To reserve, call 410-313-4682 M-F, 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

### **Natural Areas**

This park offers a variety of habitats including woodlands, wetlands, a sediment pond, secondary growth areas and meadows. The meadows are maintained in a natural state to provide food, cover and nest sites for wildlife.

Look and listen for bluebirds; red-shouldered and red-tailed hawks and kestrels; pileated, downy and red-bellied woodpeckers; and woodcock, goldfinches and turkey vultures. In spring and fall, observers can see a variety of birds migrating through the park. Deer, box turtles, red fox, opossums, chipmunks, raccoons, squirrels, mice, moles, voles and groundhogs live in the woods and meadows. Autumn is a good time to see persimmon trees in the meadow. Peer into the stream to see minnows, crayfish, frogs and turtles.

Four-and-a-half miles of trails provide an excellent way to discover the natural areas of Schooley Mill Park.

#### Things to Remember

Help keep your parks beautiful. Please take your trash and recyclable items home. Take only pictures and leave only footprints.

Howard County law requires owners to clean up after their pets. Keep it leashed. Dog droppings may attract diseaseharboring pests, and even a friendly dog can scare birds, wildlife and other park visitors.

All of our parks are inhabited by a wide variety of wildlife such as deer, snakes, fish, rabbits, insects and birds. Please do not disturb them; remember, this is their home.

## **Information**

General Park Information	410-313-4700
Ballfield Conditions	410-313-4458
Park Size	192 acres
Hours	7 AM to dusk (or as posted)

You may use the picnic tables and cooking grills located throughout the park and playgrounds on a first-come. first-served basis. (Personal grills and hibachis are permitted.) Many areas of the park are accessible.

Park regulations prohibit hunting, firearms and alcoholic beverages (alcoholic beverages are allowed only in the pavilions by permit). Leashed pets are allowed in the park but not in picnic or sports areas or playgrounds.









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